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Council pushes amendments

by Tony Porter

The Students' Society Executive has called an open meeting today at 1:00 pm in the Union Ballroom to consider several proposed amendments to the Students' Society constitution—amendments which they say are needed to prevent the Society from collapsing.

The amendments will be presented to students for approval at a referendum later this week, which will be held regardless of whether the open meeting supports the amendments.

For the amendments to be binding, 20% of students must vote in the referendum and 2/3 of these must approve it. This rule is affected by the proposed changes, since they state that only 10% of students must vote positively in a referendum and be in a majority for it to be binding. This will make future amendments easier.

According to George Archer, President of the Students' Society, the most important item is the \$6.00 fee increase from \$24 to \$30. External V.P. Celenski has said that if this is not approved the Students' Society would go under in a few years.

Organisational changes and an increase in the Students' Society grant to the newly formed Women's Union are also part of the amendments. The Women's Union would receive

10% of all women Student Society fees if approved by the referendum—making the Union's budget about \$15,000 next year.

Organisation changes include a new Vice-President for Finances, non-voting Council representation for the Association des Etudiants Francophone de l'Université McGill, the International Students' Association, and the President of the Inter-Residence Council, and the adoption of Roberts Rules of Order. The changes also call for the exclusion of the Daily editor from the Executive Committee, although he/she would still retain non-voting Council membership. This change is proposed by the Council Executive because they feel the editor's participation on the Committee could represent a potential conflict of interest.

Last year an attempt was made by several members of Students' Council to have a new constitution approved for the Students' Society. However, it died when an open meeting did not achieve quorum. Michael Johnson, who helped put it forward, blamed "lack of publicity and lack of co-operation among our potential supporters" for its failure.

Even if students approve the amendments they must also be approved by the University. Archer said this was only a formality, however.

OPEN MEETING TODAY

There will be an open meeting of the Students' Society today at 1 pm in the Union Ballroom to discuss and vote on proposed amendments to the Students' Society constitution. Following are some highlights of the proposed changes:

- Increase of Students' Society fees from \$24.00 to \$30.00 for undergraduates and from \$14.50 to \$20.00 for graduate and professional students.
- Indexation of fees in subsequent years to the Canadian Cost of Living Index.
- The enlargement of non-voting members of Council to include the representatives of the ISA, francophone students, and the residences.
- The creation of a new executive position: V.P. (Finance)
- The changing of the quorum requirements for referendums.
- An annual grant to the Women's Union of not less than 10% of the minimum annual regular fee collected from women.
- The deletion of the Daily editor from the Executive Committee of Students' Council.

If the open meeting succeeds in obtaining a quorum of 300 and votes in favour of the proposed changes, they will be put to a referendum to be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Quorum for the referendum is 20% of the student population.

Comment

Women's Year: a farce

by Joan Shields

Canadian women are again getting shoddy treatment by a federal government that has an excellent history of selling women short. The latest and greatest snow job is the government's plans for International Women's Year (IWY).

The United Nations declared 1975 to be International Women's Year, hoping that this gesture would satisfy the increasing number of women who were objecting to the exploitation and discrimination they faced in virtually all sectors of life, employment, education, sexual double standards, child-care, the list is endless. All member countries in the UN were obliged to set aside money for projects that would attempt to tackle women's oppression.

On the surface, it seems like an admirable idea, but looking a little deeper, International Women's Year is ridden with flaws.

The federal government established two departments, the IWY Secretariat of the Privy Council and the Women's Program in the Secretary of State's Department, to take charge of the programme. The people appointed to these departments are mostly well-paid civil-servants who have been shielded to a large degree from the hardships that working women face, and aren't really prepared to deal with these problems.

The planning for IWY started off on the wrong note. Rather than consulting those who are most aware of women's needs, like a woman in a lineup at the welfare office or a young mother who doesn't have enough money to feed herself or her children properly, the IWY officials drew up programmes and budget allocations without these considerations.

Of a five-million dollar budget, \$750,000 was allocated to a male-staffed advertising company that came up with the "Why Not?" campaign. The main thrust of this campaign was to take out full-page ads in newspapers like the Star and ask mind-boggling questions like "Why can't your daughter grow up to be a doctor or a lawyer?"

Rather than assume that women rarely go into these fields because their parents didn't stop to ask "Why Not?" a more useful tactic would be to ban Susie Homemaker advertisements on television and offer children's books that depict

little girls as something else than squeamish princesses or fragile creatures that hold tea parties. For an incentive to adult women, IWY could put its money towards scholarship funds in law and medicine faculties.

A half-million dollars was initially intended for a series of four conferences to be held in various Canadian cities to discuss the needs and wants of women. The IWY officials are still bent on "discovering women's problems," forgetting the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in 1968 that tabled more than 160 recommendations for immediate action, only half of which have been dealt with.

The idea of further discussion is a joke. The needs are clear: subsidized community daycare, abortion on request, maternity benefits, open access to all jobs—what's needed now is action both in the law books and in practice.

A fifth national conference shows the worst gall on the part of the IWY officials. They called on big-business executives and high-ranking civil servants to review their treatment of women in the office, and suggested the promotion of token women to the managing boards of big corporations and top government ranks.

When women's groups across the country protested this waste of expense and energy, saying that the programme would be of no benefit whatsoever to the majority of working women in Canada, IWY directors modified their plans somewhat to allow for smaller "information meetings." The

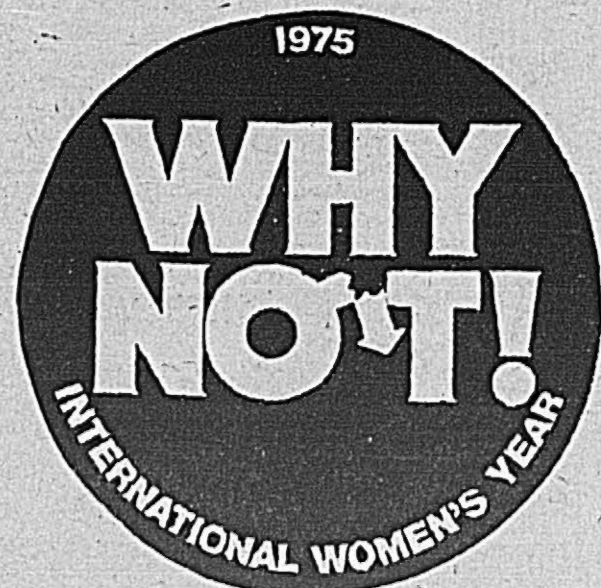
intention remains the same, though. The discrimination most women face is not earning \$20,000 rather than \$60,000, unfortunately.

In another major programme, a million dollars is proposed to go directly to women's groups in the form of grants, to be spent over two years. For Quebec, \$75,000 was allocated from April 1974 to March 1975, and the same amount is to be allocated from April 1975 to March 1976. When divided up among all the women's centres, the grants will be so small that no group will receive enough money to plan any effective projects for women.

In a national caucus of feminist groups in Thunder Bay this spring, International Women's Year is expected to come under fire and the groups might decide to officially boycott the IWY grants in protest of the government's half-hearted recognition of women's centres.

Some people are even saying that International Women's Year might be used against the women's movement in future years. Feminists disillusioned with the government predict that in 1976 MP's will slough off reforms by saying women are now equal: "All that sexist business was solved last year, you realize."

The government's campaign is too glossy and superficial to really attack sexism at its roots. IWY is pushing ineffective and unnecessary programmes in order to pacify women who are growing discontented with their position in society. The government has shown that it doesn't take women seriously: it's up to women to take action now.



Today

The Today column provides space for daily announcements of non-profit student activities. Please keep items to 25 words or less. Write entries in Today notebook in Daily office.

MFS:
7 pm, Masculin Féminin. 7:30 pm, Un Homme et Une Femme. Union Ballroom.

Debating Union:
Practice debate. Also tapes of Cambridge, CBC, and Carnival Tournament debates for your listening pleasure. 7:30 pm, in Union B42.

Election Forum:
The Women's Union is sponsoring an Election Forum concerning Women's Issues in the coming election. All urged to attend 11 am-12:30 pm Union Ballroom.

McGill Christian Fellowship:
Singing and sharing. Bring guitars. 1 pm in Union 123-124.

Pre-Med Society:
W.S. Sanders, D.D.S. Assistant dean, dentistry. "Dental Admissions at McGill," 1 pm in Medical Library, Francis Seminar Room.

WAA COSOM Hockey Clinic:
5:30-7:30 pm. Currie Gym. No experience necessary.

Workers' Support Committee:
Regular meeting tonight in Union 123 at 6 pm. New members welcome.

Women's Union:
First of a series of discussions around position of women in our society. Union 457, 12:30 pm.

What's What

The What's What column provides space for announcements of future campus events. Announcements for profit-making ventures are not accepted. Entries must be concise and may be submitted for a maximum of 3 days. Write entries in What's What notebook in Daily office.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Open meeting Wednesday March 5 from 4:30-6:30 in Union 327. All women students, faculty and administration are invited.

McGILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Wednesday, March 5, 3:00 pm in Leacock 632.

L'ASSOCIATION DES ETUDIANTS FRANCOPHONES DE MCGILL

Reunion Generale des membres, jeudi le 6 mars a 16:00h, Union Center, Salle 307.

WAA COSOM HOCKEY

Clinic to learn how to play. Pick-up games will follow the clinic. Tuesday nights, March 4 and 11, 5:30-7:30 pm, Currie Gym.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Around-the-world adventure begins tomorrow, March 5 to Saturday, March 8. Advance tickets at the Union Box Office. This simply cannot be missed.

CHESS CLUB

Chess tournament from Tuesday to Friday. Joel, it is absolutely imperative that you call B. Lacroix at 766-4853. We no longer have the ballroom.

PHILOSOPHY LECTURE

Professor Hilary Putnam, of Harvard University, will be talking on "Mind, Language and Reality," Friday, March 7, at 3:30 in Room 151, Bronfman Building. All welcome.

SKYDIVING CLUB

Meeting Thursday, 6:00 pm, Union 307, for February course students. Bring medicals.

M.O.C. TRIP

Ski with us this Sunday, March 9 at Mont Sutton. Bus leaves Roddick Gates 4:30 am. Tickets \$8.75 at Union Box Office. Jay Peak skiers—sorry about the delays, thanks for your patience.

ITALIAN STUDENTS' SOCIETY

General meeting tomorrow. All members should attend. Very important. Room 307, Union at 4 pm.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

If you want brief articles to appear in Old McGill '75 describing your activities this year, please contact us as soon as possible. 392-8990. Space is available for photos by you or our staff.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Old McGill '75 needs photographers. All materials, facilities, and equipment are available. Union B45, Monday to Friday, approx. 12-3 pm.



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MARCH 5-8

ROUND THE WORLD EXCURSION

Including a Satyajit Ray film, an International Variety Show, Chinese Cultural films, and an exciting Dinner and Dance featuring an exotic international cuisine and the sunny Trinidad Steel Band.

Advance tickets at Union Box Office.

Sponsored by the International Students' Association



classifieds

These ads may be placed in the advertising office at the University Centre from 9 am to 5 pm. Ads received by 10 o'clock appear the following day. Rates: 3 consecutive insertions—\$3.00—maximum 20 words, 15 cents per extra word. 392-8902

HOUSING

SUBLET—April 1—August 31, 5 1/2, Rockland Van Horne, \$160 month, 276-6871 before 10 AM or 5-7:30 PM. Semi-furnished.

Apartment to sublet: April 1st to September 1st and on if you desire. Spacious 4 1/2 in Westmount. Call Jean-Pierre, 486-3208.

APARTMENT to let, 2 1/2 rooms, bath and kitchen. Call 843-5339.

ENTERTAINMENT

WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL 3: Films by women about women's working and domestic experience. Leacock 219, March 5 & 7 at 8 PM, March 6 at 7 PM & 8:30 PM. Admission \$1.00. Info. 392-8031.

International Variety Show—you cannot miss it! Thursday, March 6, Redpath Hall, 8 PM. Admission: \$1.00.

TYPING

STUDENTS - PROFESSORS - BUSINESS PERSONS: Professional typing—theses, \$1.00/page; double-spaced, proofread; essays, misc. Call Susan, evenings, 676-1939.

JOBS

JANITOR wanted. Must be student at McGill. Apply in writing to 640 Prince Arthur, C/O Superintendent. Include phone number, etc.

LOST

LOST: a pair of aviator type glasses in case on McGregor between McTavish & Peel. If found call Stan 744-1989.

BLACK BRIEFCASE—Friday night in front of Student Union. Invaluable notes. Can take tape recorder. Please return rest to Porter or phone 843-3431. With much appreciation.

LOST: The old school spirit. Vote Inhaber, Vote Inhaber.

LOST: Silver cross pen, engraved. In Leacock or Physics Bldg. or en route. Deep Sentimental value. Please call Janet 932-8256.

MISCELLANEOUS

TUTORING—expert tutoring available in physics, mathematics, computer programming and others. Contact Mr. D. Benn 392-8047 (or 392-8034 days) or leave message.

PERSONAL

Problem? Feel you need to rap with a rabbi? Call Israel Hausman, 341-3580.

CENSORED

FOR SALE

For beginning female skier—one pair faced ski boots, size 8-9, good condition. Also skis. Call Carol, 747-3995, anytime. Best offer.

RCA component stereo system—tuner, amplifier and speakers—paid \$200, asking \$75 or best offer. Call 844-5963. (leave message)

Garmann-Ghia, '69, AM-FM radio, 4-speed, 17,500 miles, \$750.00, 842-6583 after 6 PM.

Dr. Rivka Weiss Bar Yosef

Hebrew University Department of Sociology,
Consultant to Israeli Ministries of Education & Labour

will speak on

the position of women in
Israeli Society

Tuesday, March 4
8 P.M.

McGill University
Leacock 26

M.B.S.U. Elections

March 19, 1975

Nominations are called for the following positions on the McGill Biology Students Union executive for the term July 11, 1975 - June 30, 1976.

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT (TREASURER)
EXECUTIVE MEMBER, PORTFOLIO COURSE EVALUATIONS
EXECUTIVE MEMBER, PORTFOLIO CENTRAL DOGMA EDITOR
EXECUTIVE MEMBER, PORTFOLIO BIOLOGY NOTES CO-ORDINATOR
EXECUTIVE MEMBER, PORTFOLIO CHARLES DARWIN FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN

Nominations for president must be signed by fifty members of the M.B.S.U. Nominations for all other positions must be signed by twenty-five members of the M.B.S.U. All nominations must be countersigned by the candidate who must include his or her phone number. As well, all members signing nomination papers are requested to list their year and the degree they are pursuing beside their signature. Nominations must contain only the following words: "We, the undersigned members of the McGill Biology Students Union, nominate . . . for the position of . . ."

Candidates must submit nominations to the M.B.S.U. office, Rm. N2/8 Stewart Biology Bldg. by 4 P.M. March 11, 1975. Candidates may withdraw from the election no later than seven (7) days in advance of the election date.

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Latest POP MUSIC at night
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Open letter from the McGill for Farmworkers Committee

Breaking the boycott myths

Last week a letter appeared in the Daily concerning the manner in which the United Farm Workers' (UFW) referendum was conducted at Royal Victoria College. We felt the letter deserved a reply because it raised certain points regarding the boycott which are commonly misunderstood, and also because it contained a number of inaccuracies regarding the behavior of the McGill for Farmworkers Committee.

In addressing ourselves first to the general tone of the letter, I think we need to clarify two basic points—the nature of the boycott itself (i.e. how does it function), and what constitutes support of the boycott.

First, the boycott is forced to almost always centralize its actions by concentrating on one chain of supermarkets at a time, or a row of stores on one particular street (St. Laurent, for example). This is due to the limited amount of manpower which is available at any particular time, even if that manpower consists of hundreds of people.

To work effectively, picketing and leafletting are directed at the target we most want to reach, (in Montreal, Dominion Stores) although there may be many other UFW activities going on at the same time in the same city, such as house meetings, fundraising, petition drives, etc. The main emphasis, however, is always on the supermarket chains, because in our consumer society it is they who handle the greatest amount of distribution, and it is they who deal with the public.

It is impossible to expect every consumer we talk to on the picket lines to boycott grapes and lettuce; but eventually the management of the stores is bound to sign an agreement to stop the chain from carrying scab produce. We would like to think that this is because he has become convinced of the justness of the farmworkers' cause, but we are well aware that most of the time it is not. Most of the time the boycott has been cutting into his profit margin.

Here at McGill, the unionized kitchen workers of Bishop Mountain Hall told us that regardless of the outcome of the referendum in the residences, their union would not carry any more scab produce because of their solidarity with the California strikers.

Such is the nature of worker organization at this time in history.

If we feel ourselves "put out" by actions of this sort, or annoyed because they inconvenience us in some ridiculous way, (such as not being able to have iceberg lettuce instead of the Boston, romaine, or Chinese that is offered) it is not up to us to condone or condemn the actions of the workers, but rather to change the material conditions which have provoked them to it. In the case of the farmworkers, we see massive injustices which will only be changed by equally radical means.



Support through action

Concrete support of the boycott means not only boycotting these products as individuals, but perhaps also participating in the action as much as possible. At McGill a committee has been established for this purpose, and the RVC referendum is one example of this type of centralized effort of stopping widespread distribution of scab produce. (Whether one approves of the term "scab" or not is irrelevant. In this situation, there is every justification to use the word with its meaning intact.)

It is also a question of what sort of "free choice" should be allowed if the result can be indirect exploitation of other human beings. Certainly, farmworkers should not be further oppressed or held back because of any "rights" to exploit them which we may claim to have, which was, in essence, our main disagreement with Mr. Weinbaum's letter.

Historically, farmworkers have always been denied rights, along with other rights of workers. Farmworkers are not included in minimum wage laws, child labour protection, or allotment of unemployment insurance. Surely these things are more basic than what kind of salads will be served at RVC next Tuesday night?

It is important for people to understand that there are interconnections between their individual actions and the consequences for the farmworkers, i.e. whether or not they will ultimately win their struggle. To steal a quote from the Workers' Support Committee, "There is no neutral position." One either eats lettuce or not.

One boycotts or not. It is not a question, as Mr. Weinbaum implies, of one committing a political act by boycotting, and choosing to remain neutral if one eats scab lettuce and grapes. What kind of neutrality is that? Although some may term it apathy, it is objectively affecting the rights of the farmworkers to form a movement of self-determination. It is, in fact, a political act.

Inaccuracies

We would also like to address ourselves to some of the most glaring inaccuracies in Mr. Weinbaum's letter. First, he seems to have felt threatened by what he calls "high pressure campaigning." We would like to point out that pertaining to this point, as well as every other objection to our alleged behavior in his letter, there has not been one complaint to us from any RVC resident, of which Mr. Weinbaum is obviously not one. First of all, we think that the "campaigning" he mentioned was probably our effort to inform RVC that the referendum would be taking place with the full knowledge and consent of the elected House Committee. Every step of our so-called campaigning had been cleared in advance with a representative of RVC.

RVC is a small residence and we were able to contact many of the residents there in person and tell them why a vote was being held and when it would be. Everyone received a leaflet, and we held an informational evening with a film for those who wanted to learn more.

That was the extent of it; we have always felt that it is preferable to be able to educate people to your cause and have them vote to support it than remove the produce through some other means.

We have always opted for community education, and we do not think Mr. Weinbaum's place is to attempt to protest for the women of RVC, who are perfectly capable of speaking for themselves if they so wish.

Lastly, we hasten to correct the statement that the UFW boycott is an "inter-union dispute." The UFW is the union that was built by and represents farmworkers; it is the union that embodies the demands they have set up for themselves.

The Teamsters, with no direct connections to farmworking or farmworkers, (although their contracts are many, they are mostly in trucking, packing, shipping, construction, etc.) moved into the fields to break the strike of the UFW, steal their contracts, beat up their members (including women and children) in what George Meany called "the worst example of union busting I have ever seen."

This was all done for money which they were paid by growers, labour contractors, and the union dues they exorted from farmworkers who were signed under Teamster contracts without ever being consulted beforehand, or asked since, by whom they wished to be represented.

Furthermore, the Teamsters are not negotiating for these contracts with the UFW, as such a statement might imply, but took advantage of the non-violent strikers to take what they wanted by force, and to crush anyone who got in their way. The consumer boycott was born as a militant tactic in response to this kind of rampant disregard for the rights of the workers.

Favourable response

The MFC are not a group of "outsiders," as Mr. Weinbaum's letter calls us. We are all McGill students, some from RVC, all interested in supporting the rights of the workers mentioned. The women of RVC in general responded favourably to the educational program, and overwhelmingly to our appeal to boycott California grapes and lettuce. The vast majority of them that we met agreed with what we did, and showed that agreement through a democratic vote, which was conducted through the legal processes of a referendum and with the approval and supervision of the elected representatives of RVC. There is no reason why that vote should be overturned.

Furthermore, we feel strongly that persons disagreeing with us on tactics used, or with the purposes of these tactics should confront us personally if possible, so that, if they are right, we can adjust ourselves accordingly. If we are right, these people will perhaps be able to join with us in our work instead of writing letters or actively trying to obstruct our aims. To this end we invite everyone.

McGill for Farmworkers Committee

Students' Society Constitution

ARTICLE I-Name

The Students' Society of McGill University

ARTICLE II-Object

An Association of students formed to exercise control of the student activities and to represent the students subject to the University Statutes and to the jurisdiction of the Senate

ARTICLE III-Membership

- (1) All students registered in the University shall be members of the Students' Society, except the following:
- (2) Students governed by the constitution of the Macdonald College Students' Society.
- (3) Students registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research who are non-resident students or full-time members of the teaching staff.
- (4) Partial students taking less than three courses shall be required to pay an annual fee of \$10.00 to the Students' Society.
- (5) The above sums shall be collected by the University Cashier with the regular tuition fees.

ARTICLE IV-Officers

- (1) The officers of the Students' Society shall be a President, a Vice-President (Internal Affairs), a Vice-President (External Affairs), a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Comptroller.

(2) Duties

- (a) The President as chief executive officer shall preside at all meetings of the Students' Society, shall be chairman of the Students' Council and of its Executive Committee, Chairman of the Board of Regular Committees and an ex-officio member of the executive of all regular Committees. He shall represent the members on all official occasions.
- (b) The Vice-President (Internal Affairs) shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the latter and shall be responsible to the Executive Committee of the Students' Council for all the operation of all activities save those within the responsibility of the Vice-President (External Affairs).
- (c) The Vice-President (External Affairs) shall be responsible to the Executive Committee of the Students' Council for relations with other student communities, governments, and the general public.
- (d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be custodian of all records, ledgers, receipts or documents of any nature whatsoever belonging to or dealing with the affairs of the Society. He shall be in charge of all receipts and disbursements and shall be the Secretary of the Students' Council, of its Executive Committee, and of the Board of Regular Committees.
- (e) The Comptroller shall supervise all disbursements.

ARTICLE V-Committees

- (1) Regular Committees of the Students' Society shall be:
- (a) All school and faculty societies the majority of whose members are candidates for their first university degree, except the Graduate Nurses Students' Society and the Subcommittee of the Postgraduate Students' Society.
- (b) All other school and faculty societies.
- (c) The Women's Union.

(d) The Students' Athletics Council

(e) The Women's Athletic Association

(f) The Inter-Residence Council

(g) All other student organizations shall be Standing Committees of the Students' Society.

ARTICLE VI-Fees

(1) Members of the school and faculty societies under Article V (1) (a) shall be required to pay an annual fee of \$24.00 to the Students' Society.

(2) Members of the school and faculty societies under Article V (1) (b) shall be required to pay an annual fee of \$14.50 to the Students' Society.

(3) Partial students taking less than three courses shall be required to pay an annual fee of \$10.00 to the Students' Society.

(4) Members of all Regular Committees under both Article V (1) (a) and Article V (1) (b) shall also pay an annual fee to be decided from time to time by a referendum of each of these committees.

(5) The above sums shall be collected by the University Cashier with the regular tuition fees.

(6) The Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Society shall receive these fees from the University and deposit them in a chartered bank or with the University.

ARTICLE VII-Grants

The Women's Union shall receive a minimum annual grant of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) from the Students' Society.

ARTICLE VIII-Students' Council

(1) The governing authority of the Students' Society shall be vested in the Students' Council. It shall be the only recognized medium, the Students' Athletics Council and the Women's Athletic Association excepted by the terms of Article XIV (1) and (3), between the Students' Society and the University authorities and the general public.

(2) The Students' Council shall be composed of the following members:

a) The President of the Students' Society who shall be Chairman.

b) The Vice-President (Internal Affairs) of the Students' Society.

c) The Vice-President (External Affairs) of the Students' Society.

d) The President of the Women's Union.

e) The Editor-in-Chief of the McGill Daily, who shall be a participating, but non-voting member.

f) Three representatives from the students in the Faculty of Arts and Science, at least one of whom is pursuing a B.Sc. degree and one of whom is pursuing a B.A. degree.

g) Two representatives from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

h) Two representatives from the students in the Faculty of Engineering.

i) One representative from each of the following groups:

1. The students in the Faculty of Law.

2. The students in the School of Architecture.

3. The students in the School of Commerce.

4. The students in the Faculty of Medicine.

5. The students in the Faculty of Dentistry.

6. The students in the Faculty of Divinity.

7. The students in the Faculty of Music.

8. The students in the Institute of Education.

9. The students in the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy.

10. The students in the School of Nursing.

(3) Meetings shall be on such days and at such hours as the President shall deem fit. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give the members individual notice at least forty-eight hours before each meeting. Two-thirds of the members shall constitute a quorum. A meeting shall be called by the Secretary-Treasurer upon receipt by him of a written request signed by two-thirds of the members of the Council.

(4) Committees chosen by the Council may from time to time be appointed to execute such business as it is the duty of the Council to perform. The President shall appoint the Chairman of the Finance Committee from among the membership of the Council.

(5) Except in cases of cheating in examinations, the Students' Council shall have the right to summon, hear, and discipline any member of the Students' Society for an offence against the rules and regulations of the University or of the Students' Society, for disorderly conduct at any student activity, or for the dishonest handling of any funds of the Students' Society or its Committees. Any person so summoned shall be confronted by persons feeling a grievance against him, and shall have the right to call witnesses on his behalf. The Students' Council shall be empowered by a vote of not less than a majority of its members to suspend the privileges of membership in the Students' Society for the remainder of the session in which the offence occurred and to impose a fine of up to \$50.00 and the costs of any physical damage or injury incurred by the offence. All disciplinary actions taken by more severe penalty than those stipulated above is deemed necessary, the Students' Council shall be empowered to refer the matter to the Senate and to recommend what penalty the Senate should impose. Any penalty imposed by the Students' Council shall be communicated in writing to the member concerned. However, any member of the Students' Society who is disciplined by the Students' Council shall have the right to appeal to the Senate from the decision of the Students' Council.

(6) The Students' Council shall be responsible for the management and control of the McGill Daily through the Editor-in-Chief. In the editorial columns of the McGill Daily, the Managing Board shall be free to express whatever opinion it holds, save that no editorial shall express or imply any but a neutral attitude in discussing any student election.

(7) The minutes of the meetings of the Students' Council shall be posted on the school and faculty notice boards in their entirety, except for those sections concerning the salaries and employees of the Students' Society.

(8) The Students' Council shall publish annually in the Student Handbook such of its resolutions as it considers should be of ready access to the members of the Students' Society.

ARTICLE IX-Executive Committee of the Students' Council

(1) The executive authority of the Students' Council shall be vested in its Executive Committee.

(2) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

a) The President of the Students' Society.

b) The Vice-President (Internal Affairs).

c) The Vice-President (External Affairs).

d) The Chairman of the Finance Committee.

e) The Editor-in-Chief of the McGill Daily.

(3) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a week.

(4) The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Students' Council through the President of the Students' Society.

ARTICLE X-Board of Regular Committees

(1) The President or Chairman of all Regular Committees of the Students' Society shall constitute a Board of Regular Committees under the chairmanship of the President of the Students' Council.

(2) The Board shall meet at least twice in each term for the purpose of representing the views of its members to the Students' Council.

(3) The Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Society shall be the secretary to the Board of Regular Committees and shall read its minutes at the following meeting of the Students' Council.

ARTICLE XI-Finances

(1) All committees requesting Students' Society money from the Students' Council shall be required to submit a tentative budget to the Finance Committee. A committee shall not receive funds unless its budget has been approved by the Students' Council.

(2) All student organizations which receive funds shall be required to submit a tentative budget to the Secretary-Treasurer before any disbursement can be made.

(3) All cheques drawn against the Students' Society account shall be countersigned by the Comptroller or his alternate. The Secretary-Treasurer or his alternate shall first satisfy himself that the expenditure has been authorized by the budget submitted by the organization.

(4) All funds referred to under article V (1) shall be transferred to the Regular Committee for which they were collected upon receipt by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Society from that Committee.

(5) The official auditor's report for the preceding fiscal year.

(6) A tentative budget for the forthcoming year.

(7) An annual financial statement for the past academic year of the Students' Society and the various Committees under its control shall be published in the McGill Daily before the fifteenth of November.

(8) The accounts of the Students' Society and its Regular Committees shall be audited by accountants sanctioned by the University.

ARTICLE XII-Elections

(1) Officers of the Students' Society:

a) The President shall be elected annually between the 22nd day of February and the 7th day of March, by a ballot of all the members of the Society. He shall be nominated by any one hundred members. Such nominations shall be presented in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at least ten days before the date of election and published in the McGill Daily at least one week before the date of election.

b) The Vice-President (Internal Affairs) shall be elected annually between the 22nd day of February and the 7th day of March, by a ballot of all members of the Society. Each shall be nominated by any fifty members. Such nomination shall be presented in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at least ten days before the date of election and published in the McGill Daily at least one week before the date of election.

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g) All positions appointed through the Executive Applications Programme of the Students' Council, or subject to the ratification of the Students' Council.

ARTICLE XIV-Athletics

(1) The Students' Athletics Council shall represent the Students' Society on the Athletics Board.

(2) The Students' Society shall have three male representatives on the Athletics Board:

a) The Chairman of the Students' Athletics Council, who shall be elected by the male members of the Society by ballot to hold office for one year.

b) The President of the Students' Athletics Council, who shall be elected by the male members of the Society by ballot to hold office for one year.

c) The Vice-Chairman of the Students' Athletics Council.

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From our readers

Are the constitutional changes needed?

by Michel Celemenski

There is an open meeting of the Students' Society today at 1 pm in the Union Ballroom to vote on a series of proposed amendments to the Constitution. If this meeting succeeds there will be a referendum tomorrow in conjunction with the elections, (as well as on

Thursday and Friday at selected special polls) to give all students a chance to vote. Advertisements will appear in the Daily on all three days with further details.

The importance of these amendments cannot be exaggerated. If they fail, the very existence of the Students'

Society will be jeopardized to an almost irreversible extent. Although the alarm has been sounded before and things have appeared to go on regardless of the predictions of doom, the situation is now critical.

The amendments to the constitution are of fundamental importance in redressing the

chronic problems of the Society. The most necessary and least attractive element in the proposed amendments is an increase of fees from \$24 to \$30 for undergraduates, and from \$14.50 to \$20 for professional and graduate students, as well as an indexation of the fees in subsequent years in accordance with the Canadian Cost of Living Index. The basic reason why these increases are absolutely imperative is the fact that inflation has worn away at our resources constantly while fees have not risen in eight years. The most significant effects on students has been a deterioration of the Students' Union and a drastic decrease of funds for student activities. While we go soul searching for the psychological causes of student apathy, disinterest, and alienation, the resources which could help alleviate the situation are becoming ever scantier.

The Students' Society finds itself in a bind. As student problems increase, the means to improve things are decreasing. Students become cynical and indifferent as the Society becomes less responsive and so nothing can be done. In a very real sense, we are now in the unenviable position of asking students to raise their fees for something with which they are, by and large dissatisfied. We are, in effect, asking for a real increase based on an act of faith on the part of the students.

We are going out on the limb and saying that the students should give the Society more resources without really knowing for sure whether these can solve the major problems. However, one thing is absolutely certain—without these funds we will never know if we were wrong. The Students' Society will merely fold.

As a partial guarantee that the fee increase will be effective in helping to bring about improvements, however, we have tried to include in these amendments other things which we hope will begin to change things for the better. These changes aim at both short and long-term problems and are of two orders—they either re-organize matters internally or they reach out to include more of the campus.

In the first category two amendments are of primary importance. The first is the creation of the position of Vice-President (Finances) which will make one person responsible in an executive capacity for the entire financial operations of the Students'

Society. Right now, no executive position has the explicit responsibility of looking after these matters although the income of the Society (including fees and revenues from Gertrude's and Typesetting) is now well over 1/2 million dollars annually.

Second among the internal changes is an amendment to facilitate referendums by changing quorum from 20% participation to 10% positive voting. The effect of this would be to not discourage people from voting in a referendum if they are against it since now people who vote negatively in a referendum actually contribute to its achieving quorum. In the new set-up a negative vote would not contribute to quorum but could count to defeat positive votes. This would encourage people who disagree with Students' Society policies to actively participate as well as not handicapping people who vote positively. For example, if 1,501 people vote in favour of a referendum now and none vote against it, the motion does not pass, while if the same number vote for, and 1,500 vote against it then it would pass since about 3,000 participants would currently constitute quorum.

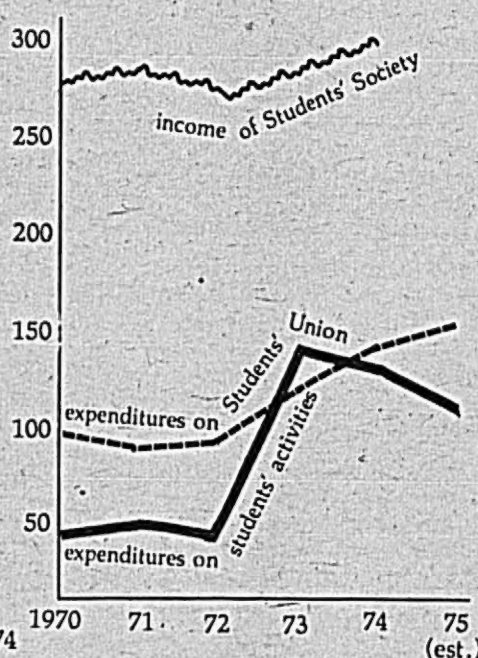
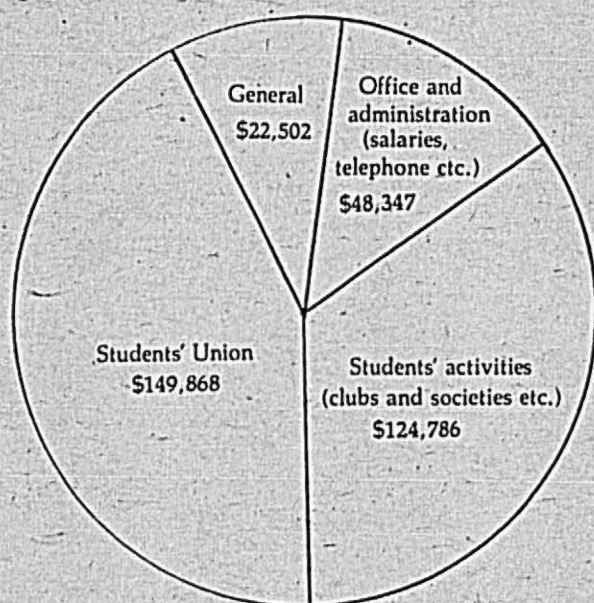
In the second category, widening the impact from across campus, is a series of amendments which would give the Presidents of the Inter-Residence Council, the International Students' Association, and the Association des étudiants francophones de l'Université McGill a non-voting seat on Council, thereby giving these large and important groups a greater say in student affairs.

Other benefits which will accrue from this set of amendments will be an increase of the grant of the Women's Union, the re-institution of faculty grants, more money for Student Activities, and the improvement of the Union. In general, however, the main result will be the actual survival of the Students' Society which is the precondition for any activities at the university.

These issues will be discussed in more detail today at 1 pm at the open meeting in the Ballroom. Please attend to express your views and participate in this important decision. Also, please vote tomorrow, Thursday, or Friday to make your view known. Your participation is essential.

The financial picture

	1974 \$	1973 \$
REVENUE		
Students' fees	319,909	300,741
Interest on investment reserve fund	14,005	16,105
Other income	3,434	2,282
	<u>337,348</u>	<u>319,128</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Students' activities - net (schedule 1)	124,786	132,034
McGill Students' Union (schedule 2)	149,868	122,707
Office and administration (schedule 4)	48,347	48,611
General (schedule 4)	22,502	32,789
Expenditure applicable to prior years	1,697	3,023
	<u>347,200</u>	<u>339,164</u>
	(9,852)	(20,036)
Equipment purchases included in the above	6,876	15,480
Depreciation	(7,296)	(5,301)
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	<u>10,272</u>	<u>9,857</u>



EXPENDITURES OF STUDENTS' SOCIETY 1973/74

Highlights:

- 1) Inflation erodes purchasing power of Society's revenue.
- 2) Cost of maintaining Students' Union soars after 1972.
- 3) Students' activities budget feels the squeeze.
- 4) Faculty grants no longer possible with smaller real income of Society.
- 5) Forecast for 1975 gloomy. More inflation, less revenue from fees.

Our suggestions:

- 1) Fee hike of \$6 plus indexing of fees to C.P.I.
- 2) Make constitutional reform easier to facilitate structural change.
- 3) Begin serious discussion to work out new and more relevant structure for Students' Society.
- 4) Move in the direction of decentralization of Students' Society.

Students' Society exposed

by Donna Balkan

Although only eight percent of the student population voted in last year's Students' Society Executive elections, the executive entered the year optimistically.

Newly-elected President George Archer had stated in his platform that he wished "to discourage the kind of counter-productive bickering which rendered the last Students' Council impotent." External Vice-President Michel Celemski told the Daily that he "hoped to make vast improvements in the running of the Students' Council," and Internal Vice-President Michael Johnson said his first priority would be to "present some kind of plan for election reform."

All three candidates ran on a platform that called for "an independent Students' Society subsidized by the administration, an improved bookstore and cafeteria, and a more productive and responsive Students' Council." However, the optimism of the successful candidates and their supporters was short-lived.

Campus apathy still reigns supreme, Council is no more responsive than in the past, and except for starting a pub in the Union, few of the best-laid schemes of the Archer-Celemski-Johnson slate have come to fruition.

Neither the bookstore nor the improvement of cafeteria food has so much as been mentioned in the course of this year's Students' Council meetings. In fact, the state of the cafeteria has worsened with the discontinuation of the highly popular health food counter, a decision made for financial reasons.

As far as "counter-productive bickering" is concerned, there has been an improvement in this department; not through the efforts of Archer, however, but

because of the simple fact that Councillors have been faced with few important issues worth "bickering" about.

Attendance by Councillors at Council meetings has been consistently low—several meetings were cancelled due to lack of quorum, and some faculties have not even exercised their right to representation on Council. There has been no Physical and Occupational Therapy representative on Council since October; the representative from Education attended only one Council meeting all year; and the faculty of Graduate Studies (which is entitled to two members of Council) has been represented by only one member, who was acclaimed in November. Even Arts and Science, which has in past years most actively participated in Council proceedings, was only represented by two of its three members in the period between August 1974 and January 1975, when the new Councillors took office.

Indicative of the apathetic attitude towards Council is the fact that 12 of the 14 new Councillors were acclaimed this term.

It would be unfair, however, to simply condemn Council for its lack of vitality without looking into those things which Council has done this year.

Despite the fact that many clubs and societies suffered substantial budget cuts this year, most were able to function adequately on the money allotted to them by Council. As in previous years, a good part of Council's deliberations concerned the passage of club and society budgets. Council also approved the constitutions of several new clubs, including the Preventive Medicine Society and the South-East Asian Students' Association. Aside from regular budgets, special

grants were given to other groups, including the newly-revived Women's Union, the Montreal Citizens' Movement, Honduras Relief Fund, and the McGill Community Family Centre.

Two new positions were also created on Council. With the re-establishment of the Women's Union, a representative from that group was given a seat on Council by the terms of the Students' Society Constitution. Council also granted the president of the Inter-Residence Council a non-voting seat.

The highlight of this year's Council activities was the establishment of Gertrude's, the Union pub. Kirk Kelly was chosen pub manager, and Gertrude's has been in operation since November. Plans for a permanent, expanded pub are now in the making.

Council also presided over the demise of a long-standing tradition at McGill, the Red and White Revue. Following the resignation of Philip Coulter, who had been approved as producer of the show last spring, a decision was made to re-open nominations. When no satisfactory alternatives appeared, the Red and White was discontinued.

Finally, this year's Council accepted the resignation of Frank Costi as building manager of the Union. After an interim period, during which Internal Vice-President Michael Johnson took over the building manager's duties, David Albins was given the position.

All in all, it was a pretty dull year. Council went about its business in the usual uncreative manner. For the first time in years, no major crises arose, and it is probably for this reason that Council's activities have been received with even less interest than they have in the past.

deal. Anybody can recognize superficial problems—few people can deal with them effectively. You can't ameliorate problems by masking the symptoms.

This school is rotting from student apathy which manifests itself in the form of disorganization, disinterest, despair, ten percent (10%) vote-turnouts, and all the other problems cited so perceptively by our candidates. The argument that you can cure apathy by curing its symptoms is plain stupidity. As long as people don't care and don't vote there will be no participation and no feedback and all those wonderful "proposals" are doomed to failure—mainly because they neither recognize the real problems nor provide any solutions. "Band-aids don't heal wounds, only obscure them."

The following are a couple of fundamental proposals for change—changes that may or may not meet with your immediate approval but we ask

that you consider these proposals given the present situation at McGill and how it might be improved.

It would be compulsory for students to register a vote in all Students' Society elections:

Space provided on ballots for abstention votes.

The penalty: the "loss" of library privileges subject to immediate renewal by an officer of the Students' Society at the request of the student. (i.e.: privileges are never really lost but it's more of a hassle to renew them than to vote.) Result: 85-100% "sensitivity to the students."

Election of the Daily editor on the same ballot as the Students' Society elections (election by the students).

To ensure a student orientation in the Daily's reportage; i.e. coverage of Students' Society council meetings, activities, campus events, and other

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Open meeting decides today

It is imperative that several large student organizations be represented on Students' Council that are not at the present time.

This includes the Inter-Residence Council, I.S.A. and Association des Etudiants Francophones. We think that these groups must be represented on council and strongly urge students to ratify the proposed Amendments in Article VIII of the Students' Society Constitution.

Sincerely,

David Round: President I.R.C.

Dave Hollett: President Gardner Hall

Paul Osborne: President Molson Hall

Bill Phillips: President Douglas Hall

Dick Viscarello: President McConnell Hall

interests of concern to the students.

Tom Nowers, B.Sc. U3
David Lawson, B.Com. U2

MCM is our brightest hope

To the Daily:

It's an old aphorism that only a pedant insists on being quoted correctly but at this risk and with regret that I must cavil with a generally fair report of our discussion, let me correct the impression left by your statement:

"Baker says groups such as the Montreal Citizens Movement have spent a lot of energy but yielded few results so far and need more help and technical expertise as well as an effective lobby at higher levels of government."

The statement stands regarding community groups which have been encouraged by band-aid programs like Local Initiatives, Opportunity for Youth, etc. to dissipate their energies seeking to implement housing, recreation or day care, but bog down in bureaucratic indifference and downright political dishonesty; programs that create the illusion of an active policy but neglect its essential funding. Indeed, too much energy and time is lost in seeking continuation of the short term grants under which community groups are obliged to operate.

My remarks were not intended for the MCM which, if we are to continue to seek escape from the present urban morass, must remain our brightest hope. Formed less than a year ago the MCM succeeded in making the problems of the urban environment matters of public debate and its election program an urban bill of rights. To date the efforts of its eighteen elected

councillors to gain access to city hall have been frustrated by a near certifiable despot who gaily leads city and province down the road to bankruptcy while ignoring every public or social priority.

Our most effective lobby with higher levels of government would be a vocal municipal council dedicated to the right to decent housing for all citizens, not through Olympic villages or monumental public housing projects but through varied, sensitive and repeat, adequately funded programs of conservation, renovation along with the construction of large quantities of new units by the third sector, i.e. the non profit societies and cooperatives. The MCM too must assure its survival and to this end has recently launched a fund raising campaign. More power to its arm!

Joseph Baker
Associate Professor of
Architecture

Surprise! Surprise!

To the Daily:

I was surprised to read a quotation attributed to me on the front page of your February 27 issue. "The daily newspapers did such a good job reporting on the Centre for Regulated Industry recently that perhaps we should attempt to obstruct them."

To the best of my recollection, I did not a) single out the daily newspapers, b) make reference to the Centre for Regulated Industry. I did refer to basic issues involving McGill's future. The remainder of the quotation is substantially correct.

Antal Deutsch
Associate Professor of
Economics.

Letters

Dealing with real election issues

To the Daily:

Once again the elections are floundering in a morass of semantic disorder. Given the exception of a few isolated instances there is not a concrete proposal to be found among the shallow offerings of this year's selection of candidates. Have the issues changed from the "blue-print" platforms of past elections, or even worse, are the real issues being dealt with at all? Any proposal worth mentioning must entail an operational solution whose feasibility the prospective voters may evaluate. Otherwise, the wishy-washy 'proposals' we are annually confronted with (i.e. campaign posters) constitute nothing more than mere recognition of a problem or need...big

Candidates speak

Carol Cohen

The young Socialist slate stands for a Students' Society which advances the efforts of students to gain greater control over their education and helps to unite them with other forces inside and outside the university who are fighting against the injustices and inequalities on which our society is based.

Unlike other candidates, who see the Students' Society as simply a "financial committee" or a body concerned only with the administration of the Union building, we think that Council must provide political leadership based on mass meetings and general assemblies which can involve students in discussing and deciding upon a course of action.

Some left groups use the fact that the administration can formally veto decisions of the Students' Society as one justification for not participating in its elections. The Young Socialists are opposed to any administrative interference in or veto of Students' Society decisions. The fiasco around the Centre for the study of regulated industry has shown once again whose interests the administration serves - those of big business.

However, rather than clauses in a constitution, the decisive factors in estimating how effectively the Students' Society can serve the needs of students are the willingness of students to struggle and the quality of leadership provided by the Students' Society.

Many students don't vote because experience has taught them that the Students' Society has consistently failed to take action on issues of real concern. The YS campaign is addressed to all students who want a program of change.

Larry Cohler

The Students' Society has a very vital role to fulfill. It is to provide services to the McGill student community through the following channels:

- To serve as a co-ordinating centre for student groups.
- To manage and allocate Students' Society funds.
- To aggressively represent student interests.
- To provide spheres of non-academic activities.

Presently, only a minority of students take advantage of and benefit from these services. Quite naturally, a lack of interest develops. Students feel that there is no need to vote for Students' Society positions because regardless of the election outcome their interests will not be served.

There is no one general improvement which can solve the crisis of non-involvement in Students' Society affairs. Re-organization won't necessarily provide an immediate solution. What is needed is the co-operation of sincere, interested

individuals to aggressively initiate programs that appeal to the student body at large, not just a select few.

To this aim I propose:

- To increase allocation of Student Society funds to those clubs whose activities appeal to the greatest number of students.
- To organize symposia and discussions devoted to expanding student awareness on vital issues.
- To inform the students of the Society's activities by publishing a personal bi-monthly report in the Daily.

My platform does not contain baseless campaign promises, rather a wide scope of activities that the Students' Society can and should provide to every student.

VOTE COHLER
FOR PRESIDENT

Phillip Inhaber

What is the Students' Society?

Answer: Feces.

Let us stroll down memory lane, the memory lane of the

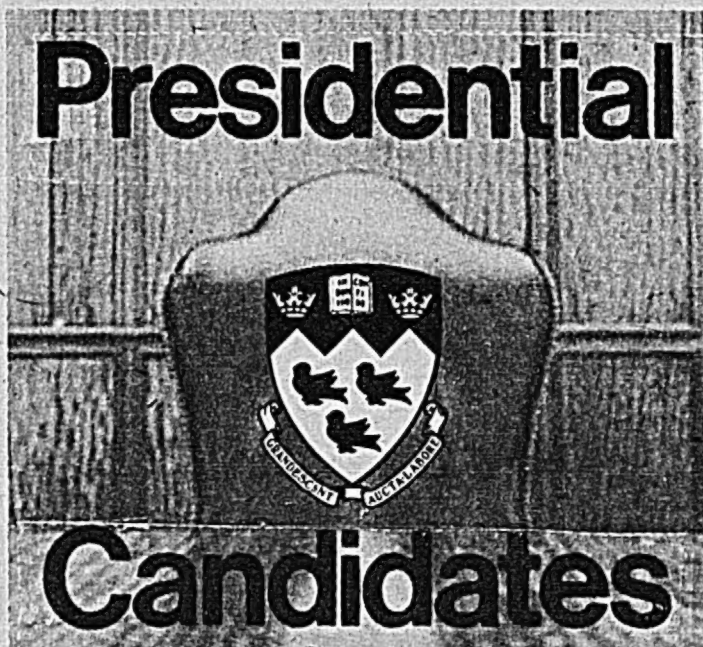
Students' Society is full of feces it is easy to establish that people don't vote for shit. Students like most people don't take shit but leave it alone. The students get shit. Shit in the cafeterias. Shit in the classroom. Shit in their housing. Shit in their Union building. Shit in the newspaper. Shit in their loans and in the library and the way things are going McGill diplomas will just be a shingle for shit. The reason people don't vote is because the ballots are made out of toilet paper.

What major improvements would you like to make in the Students' Society?

Answer: Laxative.

I want to get the shit out. First I want to get better food and get the shit out of there. Clean up those cafeterias in residences too. A moral victory for the students. Get some summer jobs for students. Really get students to organize and go out in teams and get jobs from companies. Yea, get the shit out. Get some more intelligent people on committees. Get the Daily editor elected not appointed, build that bigger pub, get that community spirit and most of all get the Shit Out.

GET THE SHIT OUT
VOTE INHABER FOR
PRESIDENT



Michael Johnson

McGill Students' Society. It was born as a spirited Debating Union which was to have Wilfred Laurier and Leonard Cohen among its most illustrious Presidents. The years roll by. Here we are circa 1969 when flower power is in full bloom and the Students' Society is a point of rally which helped to win some representation on Senate and the Board of Governors. Today the Students' Society is full of shit. Full of people looking for an extra addition to their curricula vitae. Full of brainless blowhards. Full of impractical zealots and the heathen corruptibles. Yes folks, full of feces.

The Students' Society has the purpose of representing students. It should not represent the right or the left opinion but student opinion. If the student needs better food, or housing or books or finances the Students' Society should help.

Why few students vote?

Answer: Feces.

Having established that the

What is the purpose of the Students' Society?

The Students' Society should have two basic goals; 1) To provide student services and to support student organizations, 2) To represent the interests of students in university affairs; in the Senate and the Dean of Students Office, in the administration and in matters involving government policies towards students.

Why do so few students vote in Students' Society elections?

The elections are usually no more than a competition in the creation and re-iteration of interesting and attractive promises. Often the same promises are made year after year and students quickly learn that it makes little difference which candidate is elected to an executive position. The fact that few promises are ever fulfilled and that little progress is ever

made indicates that the fault lies with the organization of the Students' Society rather than with the particular individuals who hold office.

What improvements would you like to see?

Naturally I would like to see improvements in food services, in the atmosphere of the Union building, in the operation of the Pub, in the provision of an entertainment program, in the prices and policies of the bookstore, etc., etc. There can hardly be any controversy over these points. But in order to provide the services demanded by students and to represent students, changes in the organization of the Students' Society are necessary.

I am proposing two basic changes which I believe will utilize students' energies and ideas more effectively;

- 1) All Students' Society services; the cafeteria, the pub, the Union building, and an entertainment program should be run by committees elected from amongst interested students.
- 2) The Students' Society executive should concentrate on University Affairs; representing students' interests, informing students, and organizing representation on important Senate committees. More important roles must be established.

The executive should be providing leadership in student affairs rather than running services. The many students who express interest in specific areas of the Students' Society should be elected to serve in these areas.

David Round

What is the purpose of the Students' Society?

The purpose of the Students' Society is of a dual nature. It should provide services and entertainment for students, whether it be in the form of clubs, movies, concerts, or the pub. Also, it should serve as the spokesman of the students, as an entity which represents student interests, supporting and furthering student priorities to the administration.

Why do so few students vote in Students' Society elections?

Students do not feel that the Students' Society fulfills its responsibilities to them. Many feel that the services offered are of little use, that the Students' Society in its present form is not representative of their needs and attitudes. In general, Students' Society decisions and expenditures are not publicized. Students' Council, which should serve as a focal point for the campus remains as an obscure committee with little of its proceedings known to students. Before students will want to vote it must be proven to them that the Students' Society is a viable institution sensitive to their needs.

What major improvement would you like to make in the Students' Society?

I would like to see improvements in the Union. I

would like to see some good concerts on campus. Most importantly, students must be informed what and how decisions are made. Expenditures should be published in a manner which is more informative and concrete than in the past. By informing students, and as a result receiving greater input from them, the Students' Society will become more representative and responsive to student needs.

Larry Tansey

The role of Students' Society is to serve as the general defense organization of students. It should unite students on the basis of their common interests and immediate needs. In this respect it is similar to a trade union which organizes workers on the basis of their economic interests.

At the present time, McGill students need a Students' Society which takes a fighting stand against such things as the Government's budget cutbacks in education. This opposition by Students' Society must necessarily include a firm stand against administration attempts to apply these cutbacks to the university through such means as reducing various faculties or by increasing fees of foreign students.

The major improvement needed for Students' Society is that it becomes an independent organization responsible to students and no one else. At present, Students' Society is an organization bound hand and foot to the administration. By breaking these ties and by becoming a responsible organization for students, Students' Society can be saved. It cannot be saved through any other means - such as fee increases and so on.

Students' participation in the Students' Society elections has been decreasing ever since the upsurges in the 1960s. The reason for this is that when students in their thousands rose up to demand changes, various opportunists used this sentiment to get themselves elected to power.

Today, student participation in elections is actually being discouraged by those who call themselves "progressive". They say Students' Society is so bad it can represent no one. Thus, instead of fighting to change Students' Society, you have a number of students put in a passive position of sitting on the sidelines. By not voting, these people actually assist the Students' Society in remaining an impotent organization which represents no-one.

Students' Society can only be changed into an effective organization which serves students' interests if students participate to bring about that change. VOTE LARRY TANSEY TOMORROW, MARCH 5th.

Andrew Yearwood

Statement not submitted

STUDENTS' SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Wednesday, March 5,
1975



Carol Cohen

For the second consecutive year the McGill Young Socialists are running for student council on the basis of a programme for change. This programme includes nothing about bubbler personalities, more experience, or greater responsibility. Instead it is a series of proposals and demands that point

the way toward a new university in a new society—a socialist society.

This programme is not a series of promises that the Young Socialists executive will carry out for students if elected. The changes we're proposing will only come about through the collective activity of the majority of students in conjunction with the working class and the oppressed as a whole. What a Young Socialist student council

will do is 'put its resources into building these struggles.

We stand for a council that works to win support for striking workers, for women fighting against their oppression, for gays fighting for their democratic rights, for the United Farmworkers' grape and lettuce boycott and more.

(continued under Barbara Stewart, candidate for Int. VP and under Bob Rosell, candidate for Ext. VP)



Larry Cohler

I feel I can offer the necessary co-operative leadership to improve the quality of services the Students' Society should provide. A few proposals:

- I'm going to provide greater spheres of social and cultural activities through inter- and intra-university symposia, concerts and exhibits.

- I'm going to maintain an autonomous, critical Daily, yet representative of student views and interests.

- I'm going to continue those

progressive policies instituted by the present executive, i.e. publication of the overall budget.

- I'm going to hasten construction of a permanent pub.

- I'm going to work towards rescheduling examinations and institution of a preregistration option.

VOTE COHLER



Phillip Inhaber

Friends and Fellow Students, Recently I convinced some close friends that students want some basic things. These needs were essential and pressing.

1. Students want better food in all cafeterias. My name is Inhaber and I'll stake my name that I can get this better food for Students. My friends

said that you wouldn't vote for me if I made only this one promise. They said you have to make many promises like all politicians. They said you have to promise the unattainable even if you know you can't deliver. I told my friends that students were much smarter than that. I said they have needs which aren't being fulfilled. I said that this was a shame because student leaders were worried about things that were too unrelated to students

and that students would jump at the chance to vote for someone who was interested in their welfare.

Students hardly vote anymore and I say that's great. There is hardly anything to vote for anymore. I'd love to prove to my friends that there is something to vote for now. For better food in all cafeterias.

Wednesday March 5 Vote for Phillip Inhaber.

Thank you, yours sincerely, Phil Inhaber.



Michael Johnson

If elected president I will concentrate on two priorities:

1. AGGRESSIVE REPRESENTATION OF STUDENT INTERESTS re: Senate, Student Services, Administration.

a) To oppose faculty budget cuts.
b) To increase participation in Student Services Committee.

c) To organize student representation on Senate to work on such problems as exam schedules and the bookstore.

2. IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF STUDENTS' SOCIETY SERVICES by developing a partnership between interested students

and the professional staff who work for the society, rather than allowing disinterested and incompetent student politicians to continue with empty promises.

a) To set up elected committees to deal with the Union, General Services, and Finances.

b) To set up a Project Committee to work with a professional business manager on new ideas.



David Round

Qualifications:

President; Inter-Residence Council 1974-75
IRC Representative to Student Council 1974-75
President McConnell Hall 1973-

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Resident Fellow 1974-75
Student Housing Committee 1974-75

Priorities:

1) Dates, agendas and synopses of all council meetings should be published in the Daily.

2) Budget allocations should be:
a) determined in relation to the total

budget, b) evaluated in regard to services offered by applicant.

3) McGill could lessen the housing shortage by: a) developing its vacant property above RVH, b) renovating existing ghetto housing.

4) McGill has the facilities to present concerts with name groups at reasonable prices. I will try to arrange at least three for the year.



Larry Tansey

—The Students' Society must be organized as an independent organization which fights for the interests of McGill students. In order to do this the students and not the administration (as it presently does) must have final authority over the actions of

student council.

—Educational cutbacks by the Quebec government which have manifested themselves in the form of fee hikes, the placing of quotas on foreign students etc. must be opposed by student council. The placing of Quotas on foreign students is a blatant example of racial discrimination which council must firmly oppose.

—No increase EVER in student

fees until student council becomes responsible to the students and fights for their interests only!

—Firm support and participation in Association National des Etudiants du Quebec (A.N.E.C.)—the organization that Quebec students are presently building to protect themselves on a national scale against government loans and bursary policy, aptitude tests, education cutbacks etc.



Andrew Yearwood

Objective: To restore life and unity within the Student body.

Changes:

Improvements of Students' Union
A. Renovate washrooms in Union

B. Student Party Room with bar facilities and Sound System

C. T.V. Lounge and games room

D. Students will be allocated Club space according to the size of the clubs. Something that has been neglected in the past.

E. Good food in a relaxing quiet setting with wine.

Book Store

A. Price surveillance of the Book Store by a student committee.

B. An investigation and re-organization of the policies of the Book Store.

Day Care Centre

An inexpensive Day Care Centre for those student-parents in need.



Robert Amato

Food:

Set up a non-profit student-run organization to operate cafeterias and vending machines so as to reduce prices and improve the quality.

Books:

Establish a non-profit student-run bookstore in the Union Centre to sell used books, textbooks, and books of interest to students and normally not available in book-stores.

Union Centre:

Improve maintenance and rebuild washrooms. Re-instate the T.V.

lounge and provide a games room (e.g. pool tables). Provide more office facilities for clubs and societies.

Pub:

Establish a student committee to insure that the prices of beer and food are the lowest possible and guarantee the quality of materials handled.

President

Internal
V.P.



Albert Seidler

B. COMM. U2

PROPOSALS:

- 1) Food quality revision in Union.
- 2) Price surveillance in Bookstore; greater control of used book sale.
- 3) Game room and T.V. lounge in Union.

- 4) Increased student employment.
- 5) Greater sensitivity to needs of clubs and societies.
- 6) Weekday entertainment in Union during lunch-hour.
- 7) Retail records store in Union.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Major in Marketing
- 2) Hillel Social Committee
- 3) Student councillor for Sociol-

ogy course in Health and Medicine
4) Management Week '75
5) Management Basketball Team
The Students' Union Building can be improved but the process must be conducted in a rational and well co-ordinated manner. Your support will make this possible.

VOTE-VOTEZ—YEARWOOD, SEIDLER & SAKS



Ian Smith

PRIORITIES:

To create a union more responsive to students' needs. This includes:
• A revision of cafeteria food and prices.
• Improvements in the maintenance of the union building.
• Active support for student organizations and clubs. This entails improving office facilities as well as direct financial support.

• To establish an academic needs centre, which would provide students with accessible expertise for questions and problems related to their studies. This centre would be funded by the Students' Society, and staffed by experienced students. This service would be free to all McGill students.
• Construction of a permanent pub, and establishing student control of prices.
• The reestablishment of the T.V.

lounge.
• To establish a year-round non-profit bookstore in the union. As Internal V.P. I intend to work towards the creation of an autonomous students' society — a students' society in which students, and not the administration, have the final say.
My intentions are simple, I have this as my first priority — to become the voice of the students. I intend to do this — with your

support. Vote.
IAN SMITH

Internal V.P.



Barbara Stewart

(continued from Carol Cohen, candidate for president)

Our concept of what a Students' Council should be is based on our idea of what a University should be. Post-secondary education in our society exists to produce the future skilled workers, technologists, teachers and managers required by big

business and its governments. It researches for war, teaches about 'Canadian neutrality' and is run by and in the interest of the corporations.

As students we have no interest in such an institution. We need a university which serves the majority—the working class and the oppressed; which is researching and teaching about and helping to solve the problems of our society. A university which is an organizing

centre for struggles for social change and which is run by those who work and study here—the students, faculty and support staff.

From Greece and Thailand to South Korea and France, students have demonstrated that when united with the working class and the oppressed they have the potential to
(continued under Bob Rosell, candidate for Ext. VP)



Kyriakos Matziorinis

Food: Establish a non-profit student-run organization to operate Cafeterias and Vending machines so as to reduce prices and improve quality.

Books: Establish a non-profit student-run bookstore in the Union to sell used books, textbooks and books of interest to students and normally not available in bookstores.
Loans: Negotiate for increased financial assistance for students from the Loan & Bursaries Department and from the Student

Aid Service.
Daily: Work on ways to improve editorial content and expand student affairs coverage.
Women: Establish a women's Studies programme at McGill.
Courses: Persuade Departments to give credits to summer courses taken at other universities and to summer-work related courses.



Rosemary Reilly

1. Support on Council for Women's groups on campus.
2. A daycare centre for students, faculty, and workers on campus and in the community, staffed by the parents.
3. Development of a preregistration system in April for courses to be taken the following year. This will give the bookstore an idea of

how many books to order.
4. Turn the management of the bookstore into a student-faculty cooperative.
5. Development of a Women's Studies program.
6. The Administration to take over only the cafeteria on a contractual basis for a trial period of one year; to improve the quality of the food Support of community groups.

7. For the Administration to take a more active role concerning student housing and the prevention of the destruction of the surrounding neighbourhood.
8. Support for NUMOTLE and other workers' unions on campus.
9. Institution of a Work-Study program for credit, eventually leading to a trimester year, including opportunities for field work with credit.

QUALIFICATIONS - Internal Vice-President of the McGill's Women's Union.



Bob Rosell

(continued from Carol Cohen, candidate for president and from Barbara Stewart, candidate for Int. V.P.)
radically change society.
Every time we support a strike

against the effects of inflation, demonstrate against racist deportations, hold a meeting to discuss the consequences of cutbacks in government education spending or fight sexist discrimination against women, we are taking a step closer to a university that meets our needs.

This is what the Young Socialists are campaigning for—a student council that builds mass student

action to change the university and society. This is the program we're asking you to support and help implement.

SUPPORT THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE. (For a more detailed discussion of our programme and positions, we invite people to come and talk to us at our daily campaign tables in the union lobby, and to pick up copies of our election newspaper and program leaflet.)

External V.P.



Robby Saks

Your student involvement and active interest is of the utmost importance for the success of any student government. **YOUR VOTE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.**

As your Vice-President External, I plan to accomplish the following—
1) Permission to allow students to obtain credits for work done outside the campus i.e. course related jobs.

- 2) More job opportunities for students on campus all year round.
- 3) A price surveillance board

composed of students to effectively check and regulate the bookstore's prices.

4) Greater expansion and control of the used book sale.
We are a strong co-ordinated working group. Your support is essential now!!

VOTE—VOTEZ YEARWOOD, SEIDLER & SAKS



Tom Zizys

In order to evaluate the various platforms, one must begin with a clear understanding of the duties of the External Vice-President and the limitations of the office. It is

primarily a diplomatic role calling for the initiation and organization of effective student programmes; such responsive government requires a representative accessible to the students and open to discussion of their interests.

Accordingly, some of my proposals are:

—research and co-ordinating

committees to improve the effectiveness of the post.

—a regular information letter
—an integrated course evaluation handbook
—efforts to renew contacts with Quebec universities
Your student government must be responsive.

Vote Tom Zizys



Lise Rocheleau

I have spent a great deal of time SERVING you in various capacities. While I REPRESENTED some of you as E2 Class President in 1973-74, I ORGANIZED many ski

trips, memorable Management Banquets, 'l'inoubliable' Quebec Carnival Weekend, and part of the famous Computer Exhibit '73. I am still HELPING you as an operator and supervisor in SBB terminal room.

Now is my opportunity to represent you as senator. I intend to deal with every problem that could CONCERN YOU.

I need your help to win your election because YOUR INTEREST IS MY CONCERN!

Je serais ravie d'être VOTRE SENATEUR, mais j'ai besoin de VOTRE aide. Si vous me donnez la chance et votre confiance, je pourrai être votre interprète et ferai tout ce que est en MON POUVOIR pour SAUFGARDER VOS INTERETS.



Les Vandor

OBJECTIVES FOR 1975-76

During my past four years at McGill I have held several positions from Editor of the Balance Sheet to my present position as Vice-president Finance of the Management Undergraduate Society of McGill

University. What this means is that I have been involved and have learnt the workings of the M.U.S., but more importantly I have seen a need for a strong voice for management students on higher academic bodies. Therefore I am

presenting myself for Senate representative for Management. Through me, the students can have a say on many of the policy decisions of the University.

VOTE: LES VANDOR — SENATE

No photograph submitted

Luc Beaubien

No pensketch submitted



Frank Farfan

QUALIFICATIONS: As good as any.
PROMISES: Do a good job.
Mech. U2



Blair Gohl

Dept. and Year: Civil Engineering, U2

Past Student Activities: E.U.S. Council Rep. 1974-75

General involvement with most engineering activity (sports, blood drive, delegate to this year's Canadian Engineering Student's Conference in Calgary)

Aims on Council: 1. to do the best job I can for the engineering students in representing their views on Student Society activity and financial policy.

2. to put an end to this "laissez-faire" attitude prevalent among engineers with regard to the Student Society by making sure we get some return from the money we put into it.



Neil Brown

Ph.D.3, Biology

President, Post-Graduate Students Society 1974-75, Graduate Rep on Graduate Faculty Council, 3 yrs. experience as Teaching Assistant and Demonstrator in Biology. Student reps on administrative

bodies have tended to represent their own personal views and ambitions while ignoring the needs of the student body at large. I would welcome input from individuals and campus groups through a campus address and phone. I would use the Daily and other media such as the

grad newsletter to inform and solicit opinions of students at large. Other issues are: graduate financial support, priorities for research funding, and support of McGill TA's.



Phyllis Brodie MBA I

Experience
Board of Governors 1974-1975
Academic Policy Committee 1973-1975
Secretary - Post-Graduate Students' Society 1974-1975

Having already served on the Board

of Governors, I feel I have gained sufficient experience to be able to represent graduate student interests and viewpoints in an effective way. I have taken a specific interest in increasing communication between the Administration and the graduate student body in an attempt to expose and coordinate the activities and interests of the two groups.

My involvement in other areas of University activity has given me a broad range of contacts that provide me with useful information as well as an awareness of current interests and issues.

I hope to encourage graduate students to express their attitudes towards the issues that come before the Board so that my vote may be truly representative.



Stephen Goldbloom

—B. COMM. U2
—Management Class president 1972-73
—Management Student Faculty Relations Committee 1973-74

—A.I.E.S.E.C. McGill, V.P. 1974-75

—McGill Blood Drive Volunteer 1973, 1975

—McGill Winter Carnival Volunteer 1974

—Management Week Volunteer 1973, 1974

PLATFORM: I will attempt to represent all undergraduate stu-

dents at McGill fairly, honestly, and in a way which the Board will respect.

Je serai disponible pour rencontrer et discuter vos problèmes individuels.

I will have meaningful dialogue with both the Student Council and the Senate and I will work with these two bodies with the students' interests in mind.

No photograph submitted

Laurence Hoffman

B.SC. UI

—McGill Chief Returning Officer 1973-74
—Student Affairs Committee 1973-74
—Scholarships Committee 1973-74
—Bookstore Committee 1973-74, 1974-75
—Biology Committee 1973-74
—Student Housing Committee 1973-74, 1974-75

To maintain a mature and responsible relationship with the Governors of McGill University.

To represent the mainstream of students on the Board of Governors.

To put experience to work in the interest of students.

vote EXPERIENCE-vote HOFFMAN

—MCGILL Chief Returning Officer
—Student Affairs Committee

Senate Management

Council Engineering

Graduate Board of Governors

Undergraduate Board of Governors

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